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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Manuel P. Willens DATE: March 12, 1963

FROM: Rosen, Hall and Zalkin

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

We suggest the deposition of W. Michaels, Office Manager of George Rhodes and Company, Inc., be taken and inquiry be made as to the following exhibits:

1) Photostat of order for revolver (FBI lab exhibit No. Q 89).

2) Shipping invoice No. A5378, Seaport Traders, Inc.

3) Sheet from loose-leaf notebook which contains record of one .38 Smith and Wesson revolver shipped to A. Z. Hidell, March 20, 1963.

See Hall-Zalkin Memo pp. 156-157.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

We suggest that the deposition of two witnesses be taken in Chicago, William Waldman and Mitchell Seiber, both of Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc. These witnesses can testify as to the following exhibits:

1) Order blank dated March 13, 1963, transmitting [illegible] Klein's control No. VC 834, showing purchase of one 6.5 mm rifle.

2) Envelope dated March 22 containing return address A. J. Hidell, P. O. Box 2195, Dallas, Texas.

3) United States Postal Money Order in the amount of [illegible], payable to Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc.

b) Roughly duration of time from Main's to Elm.

Those witnesses will then testify that the entire trip [illegible] took approximately.

See Exhibit Nos. 24.

[illegible] Main.

On Elm: Entry

Check time of entry in the building.

Was Oswald in the lunch room when he first saw him?

Was anyone else in the lunch room?

Was the switchboard operator on duty?

What is the location of the switchboard with reference to the lunch room?

At that time was the building closed to entry or exit after the shooting?

Were all employees questioned that afternoon as to their position at time of shooting?

Did Truly record any information taken from employees?

Did Truly see anyone else record any information from employees?

When did he first see Oswald?

Did he advise employer that they could go home before quitting time?

At what time did he do that?

He was informed that Harry Rose, Jack Dougherty, Junior Givens, Dallas Jensen, Billy Loveleby and Bonnie Ray Williams were working on the sixth floor the morning of November 22 under the direction of William Shelley.

Were there any other employees working on the sixth floor that morning on either temporary or permanent assignment?

Describe in detail the work that any employee was assigned.

Who would have been on the sixth floor at any time that morning?

Did he see the pile of boxes around the window at the Southeast corner of the sixth floor after the shooting?

Was this a usual or unusual way in which to pile boxes?

Did you have the names of every person who entered that building that morning? (Have the FBI check each person for alibi.)

Physical Check of Building

Check descent from the Southeast corner of the sixth floor to lunch room on the second floor with stop-watch.

Present such evidence to Commission by deposition or oral testimony.

Windows

In the inquiries of Texas employees, determine which employees claim to have been at certain windows.

Have each employee identify the particular window at which he or she was standing at the time of the shots.

Get a photograph of the Southeast corner front of the building made by mutual use of the front of the building from this body of evidence.

Chicken Bone Story

Bonnie Ray Williams stated that he ate his lunch near the window on the South side of the sixth floor.

His lunch consisted of a chicken sandwich and a bottle of Dr. Pepper.

The report is that chicken bones were found near a window on the sixth floor.

Have Williams describe the content of his lunch.

The place where he ate the lunch.

Did he bring his lunch in a sack?

Did he see anyone on the sixth floor while he was eating his lunch?

What time did he go down to the first floor?

NOTE: Was the sack ever found? If the sack was found, were there fingerprints on the sack?

See Bell-Belin memo pp. 23-24.

Elevator

How are they operated?

What is their speed?

Billy Lovelady, the man who says that he ate his lunch on the sixth floor, started down from the sixth floor at about 11:30 a.m. "on the elevators."

Why did they need two elevators for three men?

Oswald was on the sixth floor. Oswald called for them to stop. Oswald yelled at Givens to close the gates so that Oswald could have the elevator to return to the sixth floor.

Was it unusual to ride the elevators to the different floors?

What purpose did Oswald have on the sixth floor?

Was Oswald on the sixth floor when Billy Lovelady returned to eat his lunch?

Check [illegible] of Givens' elevator with city-clerk.

NOTE: Charles Givens gives the time of descent at 12:35 a.m.

See Ball-Belin memo, pp. 105-106.

The Rifle

Present expert evidence to the Commission that rifle can be fired accurately 3 times in 5 seconds. FBI Agent Courtley Cunningham have fired this rifle.

Governor Connally

He should be interviewed by someone. The interview should be conducted by one of us who has some knowledge of the problems; Ball, Belin, Specter. When interviewed he should be shown the moving pictures.

The autopsy surgeons present an interesting speculation; that the bullet found on Governor Connally's stretcher penetrated both Kennedy's and Connally's bodies.

We suggest the interview take place in Dallas but the Commission will probably wish to have Governor Connally in Washington.

The Irving Gunsmith

There seems to be little promise in the interview with the Irving gunsmith but in order to quiet all rumors, the exact facts should be determined from him.

The Tippitt Murder

What was Tippitt's cruising range (ask Dallas Police Department)?

What description of the suspect could he have received over radio (ask Dallas Police Department)?

Get radio log.

Take deposition of radio operator.

Who was on duty between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. November 22?

What was the source of the description of the suspect which was broadcast? Ask Curry, Fritz, etc.

What clothing did Oswald have on at the time of his arrest? Ask McDonald.

Did Oswald have on a zipper jacket which was either white or tan? (A white zipper jacket was found near the scene of the Tippit murder.)

Before the examination of William Scoggins find out the description of the Tippit's killer which he gave to the police.

Before the examination of Helen Louise Markham find out the description of the Tippit's killer which she gave to the police.

Before the examination of Jeanette Davis find out the description of the Tippit's killer which she gave to the police.

Before the examination of Virginia Ruth Davis find out the description of the Tippit's killer which she gave to the police.

Before the examination of Ted Callaway find out the description of the Tippit's killer which she gave to the police.

Before the examination of Sam Guinyard find out the description of the Tippit's killer which he gave to police.

Before the examination of William Arthur Smith find out the description of the Tippit's killer which he gave to police.

Did any of the witnesses advise the police that the killer of Tippit was wearing a white jacket with a zipper front?

The Arrest of Oswald

The testimony of George Applin Jr., should be taken by deposition.

Apparently he is the only lay-witness of the arrest of Oswald whose name has been furnished to the Dallas police.

If more non-police witnesses are available as to the arrest of Oswald, their depositions should be taken.

Police Lab

Lieutenant Day

We should make a complete check of the police lab to determine the study of fingerprints and handling of ballistic tests.

Taxi Driver Named Darryl Click

Wade, District Attorney for Dallas County, stated over television that he had information that Oswald had ridden in a taxi cab driven by Darryl Click. What was the origin of this rumor which apparently was false.